

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 28, 1891.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. CAMERON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 12906.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 12906) for the relief of John McManus, late private of Company I, One hundred and sixteenth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to submit the following report:

The facts in this case are set forth in the following report of the House committee on this subject, which the committee adopt and recommend the passage of the bill:

The Committee on Military Affairs, having considered the bill (H. R. 12906) for the removal of the charge of desertion against John McManus, late a private in Company I, One hundred and sixteenth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, and having examined the report of the War Department thereon and other evidence filed, state that said John McManus was wounded at the battle of the Wilderness on May 5, 1864, and was treated in hospital until September 27, 1864, when he was returned for duty, but placed again in hospital September 29, 1864, and remained there until he was furloughed October 18, 1864, and failed to return either to hospital or his command.

The evidence shows that the gunshot wound was in his left thigh, and that when he returned home he had a running sore and was under a physician's care until after his regiment was mustered out of the service, and that he is now a cripple from said wound. Also, that he is a very ignorant man, with no knowledge of military law; that he had no intention of deserting the service, and that he was unfit for duty during the remainder of the war.

Your committee recommend the passage of the bill with the following amendment: Add to the bill the following words: "To date from the eighteenth day of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-four."